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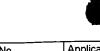
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Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid	CE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. If the abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final y filed amendment which places the application in condition for e); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in
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1. X A Notice of Appeal was filed on <u>Sep 27, 2001</u> 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR	Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
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3. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered become	
(a) \square they raise new issues that would require further c	
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4. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection	on(s):
5. Newly proposed or amended claim(s)separate, timely filed amendment cancelling the nor	
application in condition for allowance because: applicant's arguments rely on elements that are not cited against the references. Amendments to the cited against the references.	in the claims. Specifically, embodiments of the stega-cipher are aims allowed the finality of the most recent action.
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8. X For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is	as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):
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9. The proposed drawing correction filed on	a) has b) has not been approved by the Examiner.
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